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EDITORIAL NOTE

It is with great regret that we announce that Mr. Allen has felt himself obliged by the demands of other duties to retire from the position of managing editor of *Modern Philology*. As is doubtless well known to most of our readers the establishment of the journal was due to his energy and enthusiasm, and during the five years of its history he has borne by far the largest part of the labor and responsibility connected with it. No one who has read the five volumes produced under Mr. Allen's supervision can, we believe, fail to recognize and be grateful for the high standard of scholarship which has been maintained in them and the eagerness with which good work has been welcomed from every quarter.

This fine achievement has been made possible for him and his coeditors by the hearty co-operation of the contributors and by the constant and ungrudging assistance of the members of the Advisory Board, all of whom will surely join us in the regret that other duties have made it necessary for Mr. Allen to withdraw from the official relation to them and us which has so happily existed for these five years.

It should be added that, before resigning, Mr. Allen had sent to the printer the whole of the contents of the present number and a considerable part of the number for October, thus materially facilitating the task of his successor. For this, as well as for his unremitting devotion to the journal during the past five years, we

wish to record here our gratitude and to express our high appreciation of his services to *Modern Philology* and to the cause of scholarship in our field of work.

In consequence of Mr. Allen's resignation and some previous losses from the staff of editors, it has seemed desirable to add some new members. All of us, old members and new, hope for a continuance of the aid and sympathy given the journal so freely in the past and believe that our hope will not be disappointed. If our contributors will continue to send us their best work, we promise to find space for as much of it as possible. The existence in America of four periodicals devoted to the publication of studies in the field of the modern languages and literatures is a fact of no small moment for the promotion of productive scholarship among us, attended as it has been, not by any lowering of the standards of publication, but rather, we believe, by a constant and steady incitement to more and better work. We shall continue to strive to do our part in providing a means for the publication of some of the best.